

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the \$1.35 trillion budget resolution. While I am in favor of tax relief for the American people, I do not believe relief should be accomplished through tax cuts benefiting big business and the wealthiest of Americans.

I believe that the Congress can and should pass legislation giving tax relief to the American people. That is why I have consistently voted to eliminate the death-inheritance tax and the marriage tax penalty.

Mr. Speaker, the Congress can and should give tax relief to the American people. However, any tax cut should not threaten our Social Security and Medicare programs. While we still have a surplus we should provide a prescription drug coverage paid by Medicare, an initiative the majority of Americans support. Even so, we should not support a budget and ensuring tax cut that spends expected revenue 11 years down the road. We need to have a mechanism in place to adjust the plan if revenue projections prove to be wrong.

Today I intend to vote against the Republican budget. A more realistic five-year spending bill should be put in place to fund critical programs important to the American people like Social Security, Medicare/Medicaid, national defense and other important programs. Then we should bring a tax relief package before the Congress that is realistic and that has a mechanism that directly ties tax cuts to controlled spending and the amount of revenue that will come to the federal treasury each year.

I am also troubled that this budget does nothing to ensure the solvency of Social Security, instead relying on a commission loaded down with individuals who have publicly supported the privatization of Social Security. I am adamantly opposed to investing any money intended for a secure retirement through our current Social Security system in a stock market that is increasingly more volatile.

Mr. Speaker, today we should reject this misguided budget.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 136, the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 221, nays 207, not voting 4, as follows:

[Roll No. 104]

YEAS—221

Aderholt	Calvert	Diaz-Balart
Akin	Camp	Doolittle
Armey	Cannon	Dreier
Bachus	Cantor	Duncan
Baker	Capito	Dunn
Ballenger	Castle	Ehlers
Barr	Chabot	Ehrlich
Bartlett	Chambliss	Emerson
Barton	Coble	English
Bereuter	Collins	Everett
Biggert	Combest	Ferguson
Bilirakis	Condit	Flake
Blunt	Cooksey	Fletcher
Boehlert	Cox	Foley
Boehner	Cramer	Fossella
Bonilla	Crane	Frelinghuysen
Bono	Crenshaw	Galleghy
Brady (TX)	Culberson	Ganske
Brown (SC)	Cunningham	Gekas
Bryant	Davis, Jo Ann	Gibbons
Burr	Davis, Tom	Gilchrest
Burton	Deal	Gillmor
Buyer	DeLay	Gilman
Callahan	DeMint	Goode

Goodlatte	Lewis (CA)
Goss	Lewis (KY)
Graham	Linder
Granger	LoBiondo
Graves	Lucas (KY)
Green (WI)	Lucas (OK)
Greenwood	Manzullo
Grucci	McCrery
Gutknecht	McHugh
Hall (TX)	McInnis
Hansen	McKeon
Hart	Mica
Hastert	Miller, Gary
Hastings (WA)	Moran (KS)
Hayes	Morella
Hayworth	Myrick
Herger	Nethercutt
Hilleary	Ney
Hobson	Northup
Hoekstra	Norwood
Horn	Nussle
Hostettler	Osborne
Houghton	Ose
Hulshof	Otter
Hunter	Oxley
Hutchinson	Pence
Hyde	Peterson (PA)
Isakson	Petri
Issa	Pickering
Istook	Pitts
Jenkins	Platts
John	Pombo
Johnson (CT)	Portman
Johnson (IL)	Pryce (OH)
Johnson, Sam	Putnam
Jones (NC)	Quinn
Keller	Radanovich
Kelly	Ramstad
Kennedy (MN)	Regula
Kerns	Rehberg
King (NY)	Reynolds
Kingston	Riley
Kirk	Rogers (KY)
Knollenberg	Rogers (MI)
Kolbe	Rohrabacher
LaHood	Ros-Lehtinen
Largent	Roukema
Latham	Royce
LaTourette	Ryan (WI)
Leach	Ryun (KS)

NAYS—207

Abercrombie	DeLauro	Kennedy (RI)
Ackerman	Deutsch	Kildee
Allen	Dicks	Kilpatrick
Andrews	Dingell	Kind (WI)
Baca	Doggett	Kleccka
Baird	Dooley	Kucinich
Baldacci	Doyle	LaFalce
Baldwin	Edwards	Lampson
Barcia	Engel	Langevin
Barrett	Eshoo	Lantos
Bass	Etheridge	Larsen (WA)
Becerra	Evans	Larson (CT)
Bentsen	Farr	Lee
Berkley	Fattah	Levin
Berman	Filner	Lewis (GA)
Berry	Ford	Lipinski
Bishop	Frank	Lofgren
Blagojevich	Frost	Lowey
Blumenauer	Gephardt	Luther
Bonior	Gonzalez	Maloney (CT)
Borski	Gordon	Maloney (NY)
Boswell	Green (TX)	Markey
Boucher	Gutierrez	Mascara
Boyd	Hall (OH)	Matheson
Brady (PA)	Harman	Matsui
Brown (FL)	Hastings (FL)	McCarthy (MO)
Brown (OH)	Hefley	McCarthy (NY)
Capps	Hill	McCollum
Capuano	Hilliard	McDermott
Cardin	Hinchee	McGovern
Carson (IN)	Hinojosa	McIntyre
Carson (OK)	Hoeffel	McKinney
Clay	Holden	McNulty
Clayton	Holt	Meehan
Clement	Honda	Meek (FL)
Clyburn	Hooley	Meeks (NY)
Conyers	Hoyer	Menendez
Costello	Inslee	Millender
Coyne	Israel	McDonald
Crowley	Jackson (IL)	Miller, George
Cummings	Jackson-Lee	Mink
Davis (CA)	(TX)	Moakley
Davis (FL)	Jefferson	Mollohan
Davis (IL)	Johnson, E. B.	Moore
DeFazio	Jones (OH)	Moran (VA)
DeGette	Kanjorski	Murtha
Delahunt	Kaptur	Nadler

Napolitano	Rothman	Stupak
Neal	Roybal-Allard	Tanner
Oberstar	Rush	Tauscher
Obey	Sabo	Taylor (MS)
Oliver	Sanchez	Thompson (CA)
Ortiz	Sanders	Thompson (MS)
Owens	Sandlin	Thurman
Pallone	Sawyer	Tierney
Pascarella	Schakowsky	Towns
Pastor	Schiff	Turner
Paul	Scott	Udall (CO)
Payne	Serrano	Udall (NM)
Pelosi	Sherman	Velazquez
Peterson (MN)	Shows	Visclosky
Phelps	Skelton	Waters
Pomeroy	Slaughter	Watt (NC)
Price (NC)	Smith (WA)	Waxman
Rahall	Snyder	Weiner
Rangel	Solis	Wexler
Reyes	Spratt	Woolsey
Rodriguez	Stark	Wu
Roemer	Stenholm	Wynn
Ross	Strickland	

NOT VOTING—4

Cubin	Rivers
Miller (FL)	Stump

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Mr. SHERMAN changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. TOOMEY changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. STUMP. Madam Speaker, it was unfortunately not possible for me to be in Washington, D.C. today.

Had I been present and voting, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 103, the rule providing for the consideration of the Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2002 Conference Report and “yea” on rollcall No. 104, approving the Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2002 Conference Report.

COMMENDING STAFF OF
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

(Mr. NUSSLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NUSSLE. Madam Speaker, I rise to thank the Members who supported the conference report first of all, but most especially I would like to thank the staff of the Committee on the Budget, both majority and minority, Rich Meade and Jim Bates from the majority side, Tom Kahn from the minority side, and others who worked so hard to get us to this point. It is a huge task, a huge undertaking to put all of this together in the time that is allotted. Both sides deserve a lot of credit for the work that they do.

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. NUSSLE. I yield to the gentleman from South Carolina.

Mr. SPRATT. I simply want to underscore what my counterpart, the chairman of the committee, is saying. We do the talking; our staffs do the arduous analytical work and all the document preparation, working long, long hours to meet this peak-period requirement. They do an enormous job and do an excellent job as well on both sides.